

Sinclair Broadcasting's recent decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The biased program they intend to air runs counter to the idea of public access and the free flow of information. Will the opposing side be permitted to use an equal amount of time for a broadcast on Sinclair stations? The power of a large corporation to arbitrarily decide what the public should hear and see is greatly disturbing.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.